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### **Majority Leader Lopez-Cantera Responds to Statement by Representative Saunders Urging Democrats to Not Participate in Budget Reduction Exercises**

*House Democrats prefer politics over participation*

**Tallahassee, Fla.** — Florida House Majority Leader Carlos Lopez-Cantera (R-Miami) today issued the following statement regarding Minority Leader Saunders' statement discouraging House Democrats participation in this week's budget reduction exercises.

"One week after House Minority Leader Saunders stated 'House Democratic Caucus members are working with our Republican colleagues to produce a balanced budget for Florida,' Minority Leader Saunders today released a statement encouraging the Democratic Caucus to not participate in the budget reduction exercise.

"Representative Saunders is playing politics with the only constitutionally mandated responsibility of the Legislature. A wait-and-see approach to the budget will not get our state back on track. What Floridians need is real leaders who are willing to engage in making tough decisions.

"While Minority Leader Saunders may not personally agree with the budget exercise, it is appalling to me that he would encourage his Members to not participate at all. This does not display leadership but indifference to our state's future."

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